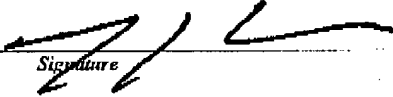


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Small Entity)			Docket No. 1615
In Re Application Of: <b>KERN</b>			
Serial No. 09/862,803	Filing Date 05/22/2001	Examiner LIN, K.	Group Art Unit 1725
Invention: <b>METHOD FOR AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING LIGHT METAL CASTINGS...</b>			
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>  This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>09/12/2003</u> in the above-identified application. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small>  The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> One month    <input type="checkbox"/> Two months    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months    <input type="checkbox"/> Four months    <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"><div>from: <u>DECEMBER 12, 2003</u> <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small></div><div>until: <u>MARCH 12, 2004</u> <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small></div></div> A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</div> The fee for the extension of time is \$475 and is to be paid as follows: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4675 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-4675</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Signature</small></div><div>Dated: <b>MARCH 10, 2004</b></div></div></div>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>cc:</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 300px;"><div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><del>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</del></div><div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><del>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</del></div><div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><del>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</del></div></div></div>			